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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

SPECIAL SESSION.

GEO. J. DUNCAN, Esq., WARDEN. April 22nd and 23rd, 1880.

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WELLAND, April 22nd, 1880.

REQUISITION.

To Geo. J. Duncan, Esq., Warden of the County of Welland :

We, the undersigned, members of the County Council of the County of Welland, respectfully ask that you will be pleased to call a Special Meeting of the County Council at as early a date as convenient, as in the opinion of the undersigned sufficient time will not be given the Contractor for new Registry Office by delaying the letting of the contract until the June Session, if, after hearing the report of the Special Committee on Registry Office, the Council concludes to go on with the work.

*Requisition to
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That a better building will be obtained if work is commenced a month or so earlier.

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That any other important business may be done at such meeting.

Signed, John Coulson, Reeve of Clifton.
E. Hershey, Reeve of Bertie.
T. W. Hooker, Reeve of Welland.
Edward Lee, Reeve of Wainfleet.
W. B. Pringle, Reeve of Port Colborne.
Geo. Page, Reeve of Thorold Township.
A. Frazer, Reeve of Thorold Town.
Robt. J. Johnston, Deputy Reeve of Thorold Town.
Joseph Garner, Reeve of Pelham.
Elisha Furry, Reeve of Humberstone.
John Misener, Deputy Reeve of Wainfleet.
Chas. Keller, jr., Reeve of Chippawa.
John A. Law, Deputy Reeve of Stamford.
Jacob J. Upper, Deputy Reeve of Thorold Township.

Council met.

Pursuant to the foregoing requisition the Council met at the Grand Jury Room, in the Court House, at the Town of Welland, in the County of Welland, on Thursday, April 22nd, 1880, at 9 o'clock a.m., in Special Session.

The Warden in the chair.

Members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Bugar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Frazer, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Johnston, Keller, Law, Lee, Metler, Misener, Page, Pringle, Ramsden, Upper and Smith.—20.

Warden's remarks.

The Warden read the foregoing requisition and concurred in the opinion therein expressed, and also stated that it would be in the interest of the County if the conclusion to build a new Registry Office was finally arrived at by the Council that it should be gone on with without any unnecessary delay; also, that any other important business might be brought up, but would advise that the Registry question be first considered, and concluded by presenting the report of the Special Committee on Registry Office, which was read to the Council,

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of the several lots offered for the erection of a Registry Office thereon, and that the members of this Council again assemble in Council Chambers immediately after such inspection has been made. Carried.

Motion that Council adjourn to inspect sites.

In pursuance of the foregoing motion the Council adjourned for the purpose therein mentioned.

The inspection being completed the Council reassembled.

Council reassembled.

The Warden read a communication from Mr. Asher, offering the corner lot on Main Street and Helles Avenue in addition to his tender, the whole for \$1,800.

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Also, the communication from Wilson Carter, asking to amend his tender for building Registry Office, making the amount of his tender \$4374.

Asking to amend tender.

Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. Frazer,

That the report of the Special Committee on Registry Office be adopted; and

Motion to adopt report.

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

That this Council do resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the report of Special Committee on Registry Office. Carried.

Pursuant to motion the Council went into Committee of the whole, with Mr. Lee in the chair.

Committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Frazer,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

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At 1:30 p. m. the Council resumed and went into committee of the whole. Mr. Lee in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported the following :

Report.

That the report of the Registry Office Committee be referred back to the said Committee with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following :

" That the lot of Mr. Asher be accepted at price offered him by resolution while in committee of the whole, viz : \$1,500, providing always that the lot be accepted by the Government.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Keller,

Motion to adopt report.

That the report of the committee of the whole, just read, be adopted.

Mr. Cruickshank calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :

Yeas.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Keller, Lee, Misener and Ramsden.—10.

Nays.

NAYS.—Messrs. Coulson, Cruickshank, Frazer, Johnston, Law, Metler, Page, Pringle, Smith and Upper.—10.

Casting vote.

The votes being declared a tie the Warden gave a casting vote in favor of the yeas.

The report declared carried.

The report was referred back to the said Registry Office Committee in pursuance of said motion.

Amended report.

The Registry Office Committee presented their amended report.

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Furry,

Motion to adopt amended report.

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Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Metler, in amendment,

That the amended report of Registry Office Committee, just read, be referred back to said committee with instructions to amend their report to the effect that this Council do purchase a lot from Mr. Thos. Griffith, 120 feet in width, on Main Street, by 166 feet in depth, for the sum of \$600, subject to approval of Inspector.

Amendment.

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Amendment proposed to the Council, and Mr. Pringle calling for the yeas and nays, they were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Coulson, Cruickshank, Frazer, Johnston, Law, Metler, Page, Pringle, Smith and Upper.—10.

Yeas.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Keller, Lee, Misener and Ramsden.—10.

Nays.

The vote being declared a tie, the Warden voted nay, and

The amendment passed in the negative—majority, 1.

Amendment lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the amended report of Registry Office Committee being again read,

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Smith,

That the report of the Registry Office Committee be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend their report, by recommending the purchase of the lot offered by Stewart Lamont for the sum of \$375, said lot being situate on the corner of East Main and Burgar Street, thereby saving the sum of \$1125 to this County, and

Amendment.

Mr. Cruickshank calling for, the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Coulson, Cruickshank, Frazer, Johnston, Law, Metler, Page, Pringle, Smith and Upper.—10.

Yeas.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Keller, Lee, Misener and Ramsden.—10.

Nays.

The vote being declared a tie, the Warden voted nay,

**Amendment
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And the amendment passed in the negative—majority, 1.

The original motion being again proposed for the adoption of the amended report,

**Motion to
adjourn.**

Moved by Mr. Coulson, seconded by Mr. Smith, that this Council do now adjourn till Monday the 26th inst.—lost.

The original motion being again read.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Frazer in amendment,

Amendment.

That whereas this Council contemplates a large expenditure of money in the erection of a new Registry Office and in the rebuilding of the South Wing of the Gaol, it is desirable that such economy as is consistent with efficiency should be practiced by this Council, Therefore be it Resolved that the Report of the Registry Office Committee be referred back to said Committee with instructions to amend their Report so as to recommend this Council to accept the offer of a half acre of land on the North end of the Hellem's Farm and a bonus of \$400 from A. Williams for a new Registry Office, whereby a saving of \$1900 would be effected to this County.

And Mr. Garner calling for, the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas.

YEAS.—Messrs. Coulson, Frazer and Pringle.—3.

Nays.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Johnston, Keller, Law, Lee, Metler, Misener, Page, Ramsden, Smith and Upper.—17.

The amendment passing in the negative—majority, 14.

The original motion being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Law, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank,

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Moved by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m.—Carried.

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SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, April 23rd, 1880.

Council assembled.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met in the Grand Jury Room at 9 o'clock a.m.

The Warden in the chair.

Members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Cruickshank, Frazor, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Johnston, Keller, Lee, Metler, Miscner, Page, Pringle, Smith and Upper.

Mr. Burgar's motion.

Mr. Burgar's motion for the adoption of the amended report not reached at yesterday's session being again proposed,

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Furry,

Previous question.

That the previous question be now put,

Which motion was carried on a division.

The original motion being again proposed, Mr. Cruickshank calling for, the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Keller, Lee, Miscner and Ramsden.—10.

Nays.

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Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. Frazer,

That whereas the Provincial Secretary has requested that a new Registry Office shall be built at the earliest convenient moment, and inasmuch as legal proceedings will be instituted against this Council, if such requirements are not complied with, Motion to proceed immediately.

And whereas a special Committee was appointed to receive Tenders for lots and construction of said Registry Office, and inasmuch as the tenders for erection of the same are as low, and perhaps lower than can be obtained at any future time—be it therefore resolved that this Council consider it expedient to erect such Registry Office immediately.

Motion proposed to Council.

Moved by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Metler, in amendment, Amendment.

That in the opinion of this Council, that it would not be advisable to build a detached Registry Office this present year, on account of the indebtedness of the County to the amount of Four Thousand Dollars, and that the Clerk be authorized to correspond with the Secretary, A. S. Hardy in regard to the matter, asking him to lay our case before the Government at the earliest opportunity, and give us an extension of time for one year, for the building of a Registry Office.

Amendment proposed and Mr. Cruickshank calling for, the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Metler, Page and Smith —3.

Yeas.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Bugar, Cruickshank, Frazer, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Johnston, Keller, Lee, Misener, Pringle, Ramsden and Upper.—15. Nays.

Amendment passing in negative, majority 12.

Amendment lost.

The original motion being again proposed, was carried on a division. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Keller, seconded by Dr. Johnston,

Motion re Committee of Management.

That a Committee consisting of the Warden, Frazer, Garner, Lee, Hooker and Hershey be appointed to take full charge of the erecting of Registry Office, to see after the proper construction thereof, and everything appertaining thereto. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Keller,

Motion re Private Room.

That the cost of erection of Registry Office for the County of Welland not being materially increased, the Committee heretofore appointed for proper construction thereof be instructed to consider the propriety of providing a private room in said Office for the greater convenience of those desirous of consulting with the Registrar, and that the Committee take such action therein as to said Committee seems desirable.

Lost.

Motion proposed and declared lost on a division.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Coulson,

That this Council now adjourn to meet at the hour of one o'clock, p. m. — Carried.

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Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the motion to appoint a committee to superintend the construction of a new Registry Office be reconsidered,

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And whereas this County is about incurring a heavy expenditure,

And whereas a Committee of three members can attend to the work of supervision as thoroughly and effectually as a Committee of six can do,

And whereas no considerable responsibility is thrown upon the said Committee—the site and plans and specifications having been determined—therefore be it resolved for the purpose of avoiding unnecessary expense that the said Committee be reduced to the following gentlemen, viz: Messrs. The Warden, Frazer and Hooker.

Motion proposed, Mr. Pringle calling for the yeas and nays, were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Metler, Page, Pringle, Ramsden and Upper.—5. Yeas.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Coulson, Cruickshank, Frazer, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Johnson, Keller, Lee and Misener.—11. Nays.

Motion passing in the negative—majority 6.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Frazer,

That whereas a resolution, asking this Council to appropriate \$200 for the relief of the Irish sufferers was placed in the Warden's hands a considerable time before the said Council adjourned at its last Session,

Motion re Irish
Relief.

And whereas a motion to adjourn was passed to a vote notwithstanding the urgent request of members of this Council, that the said resolution for relief should be first submitted to this Council,

And whereas there still exists in Ireland a necessity for contributions to avoid starvation,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Warden receive it as an instruction from this Council, to forward \$200 from the funds of this County, to the Mansion House Relief Committee as soon as practicable.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Furry in amendment,

Amendment

That in order to prove the sincerity of this Council in regard to appropriation of the public funds of the County, the sum of two hundred dollars toward the relief of the distressed people of Ireland, each individual member of this Council contribute the sum of \$10 out of his individual means in lieu thereof, and that the same be paid to the Clerk of this Council within three days and forwarded by him through the proper channel—the Resolution only to be binding in case of all the members complying with its terms: and

Amendment to the amendment.

Moved by Mr. Upper, seconded by Mr. Smith, in amendment to the amendment.

That this Council do grant the sum of one hundred dollars for the relief of the distressed in Ireland.

Motion proposed, Mr. Smith calling for the yeas and nays, were taken as follows:

Yeas.

YEAS.—Messrs. Cruickshank, Smith and Upper.—3.

Nays.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Frazer, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Johnston, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener and Page.—14.

Amendment to the amendment passing in the negative—majority, 11.

The amendment being again proposed, and Mr. Hershey calling for the yeas and nays, were taken as follows:

Yeas.

YEAS.—Messrs. Cruickshank, Frazer, Furry, Garner, Hershey and Pringle.—6.

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NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Hooker, Johnston, Keller, Lee, Metler, Misener, Page, Smith and Upper.—12.

Amendment passing in the negative—majority, 6.

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YEAS.—Messrs. Frazer, Johnston, Lee, Pringle and Smith.—5. Yeas.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Burgar, Coulson, Cruickshank, Furry, Garner, Hershey, Hooker, Keller, Metler, Misener, Page and Upper.—13. Nays.

Original passing in the negative—majority, 8.

Mr. Hooker from the Gaol Committee brought up their Report.

Gaol Committee's report.

Also Report of Inspector of Prisons *Re* South Wing of Gaol.

Report of Inspector of Prisons.

Moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Coulson,

That the Report of Gaol Committee and Inspector's Report now on the table be received and read.—Carried.

Reports received.

Reports read in pursuance of motion.

Moved by Mr. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Hershey,

That the Report of the Gaol Committee just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Motion to adopt.

Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. Frazer,

That the Gaol Committee be empowered to commence the work of removing the interior walls of the South Wing of the Gaol, and cleaning the material by prison labor at once, under the supervision of a competent mechanic, and that they be further empowered to advertise for tenders for rebuilding said wing according to the proposed plan, and that they report to this Council at the June Session.—Carried.

Motion *re* Gaol Repairs.

Moved by Dr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Whereas, it is desirable to proceed at the earliest practicable period with the erection of Registry Office, therefore be it resolved that the Committee appointed to superintend the construction of Registry Office, be authorized to pursue title for the land selected for the Regis-

Motion giving power to Registry Committee.

try Office, enter into contract with Contractor for the erection of Registry Office, according to the Plans and Specifications heretofore submitted for such office, and in case of the parties above referred to failing to give proper title to lands, and entering into contracts according to tender, then said Committee may make such other arrangements as to lands and erection of office as will best promote the interests of this County.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

By-Law to appoint Game Inspector.

That leave be given to introduce a By-Law for the appointment of an Inspector for the protection of Game in the County of Welland.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the Bill for the appointment of an Inspector of Game be read a first time.—Carried.

Bill read a first time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the Bill be read a second time.—Carried.

Bill read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the Bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time, forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed according to law, and that its title be as in the Bill.—Carried.

By-Law read a third time pursuant to motion and passed, entitled,

"A By-Law for the appointment of an Inspector for the protection of Game in the County of Welland."

Moved by Mr. Burgar, seconded by Mr. Hooker, that

Motion re purchase of books for Registration purposes.

Whereas it is obligatory on the part of the Treasurer of this County, to procure the necessary books for Registration purposes, and

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Whereas Mr. Brennan, book binder, a resident of the County, is able to make and furnish such books,

Be it therefore an instruction to the Treasurer, to procure such books from Mr. Brennan, providing always, that the cost of such books does not exceed the present cost, and the work as well done.

Motion proposed to Council, and lost on a division.

Moved by Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Metler,

That the Warden forward one hundred dollars from the funds of this County, to the Mayor of the Town of Hull, for the relief of the sufferers from the recent destructive fire in that town. Relief to Hull sufferers.

Motion proposed to Council, and Mr. Garner calling for, the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Burgar, Coulson, Frazer, Hershey, Hooker, Johnston, Metler, Pringle and Smith.—9. Yeas.

NAYS.—Messrs. Cruickshank, Furry, Garner, Lee, Misener, Page and Upper.—7. Nays.

Motion passing in the affirmative—majority, 2.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Hooker,

That the sum of seventeen dollars be paid Henry T. Ross, being amount of his account rendered in detail, and that the Warden do issue his cheque for the same.—Carried. Motion re H. T. Ross.

Moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Frazer,

That the Council do now adjourn, to meet again on call of the Warden.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the Council adjourned at 5 o'clock, p. m.

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APPENDIX A.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NO. 419.

CHAPTER CCCCXXI.

An Act for the appointment of an Inspector for the Protection of Game in the County of Welland.

WHEREAS, it is proper and expedient that an Inspector for the Protection of Game in the County of Welland, should be appointed,

Be it therefore enacted by the Corporation of the County of Welland, and it is hereby enacted that Mr. Beman Noble, of the Town of Welland, be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector for the Protection of Game in the County of Welland, in accordance with the fifteenth section of the thirty-first Chapter of 43 Vic. Statutes of Ontario.

The said officer to hold the said position during the pleasure of this Council without salary.

Passed in Council this twenty-third day of April, A. D. 1880.

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Signed, GEO. J. DUNCAN,
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Signed, J. C. PAGE. *County Clerk.*

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APPENDIX B.

Reports of Special Committees.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* REGISTRY OFFICE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council assembled :

Your Special Committee appointed at the January Session of the present year, for the purpose of obtaining information relative to the purchasing of a site, and the erection thereon of a New Registry Office, beg leave to submit this their report.

Your Committee directly after the January Session, caused a notice to be inserted in the local papers, asking for tenders for lots for Registry Office, and the result of such notice was the receiving of the following tenders, viz:—

No. 1. S. W. Buchner, lot corner of Muir and Griffith streets,
Price \$1500.

" 2. Edward Henderson, lot 23 or lot 24, on South side of Division street, at \$200 each, or 70 feet square out of the 2 lots for \$250, or 70 feet running to rear of the lot, \$300.

" 3. David Tufts, part lot 18 South side of Division street 70x70 for \$500, or a part of lot 18, South side Division street corner lot 50x70 for \$450.

No. 4. Thomas Griffith, part of Market square, on Main street, 70 feet front, by 10 rods deep, to the Centre of said Block for \$350, or on Division street out of same Block and same size for \$300, also lot No. 3 on the North side of Division street, 66x132 feet, on same property 70 feet square, for \$850.

" 5. Azubah Gilleland, lots 1 and 2, North side of Main street directly west of C. M. Church for \$700.

" 6. Stewart Lamont, 100 feet front, by 166 deep on East Main street, east of Dr. Frazer's lot, for \$975, or 70 feet by 166 of same lot for \$750 and remove building, also corner lot on East Main and Burgar streets, for \$375.

" 7. T. Teskey, 50x70 on corner Main and Burgar streets, for \$300.

" 8. John Hill, on east side of Hellem's avenue in Block Z, 50x70, for \$200, and as much more land adjoining as may be required at same rate per foot.

" 9. John Frazer, 2 lots on corner of East Main and Hellem's avenue 121½ by 165 feet, price \$1500.

" 10. A. William's ½ A, extending from Burgar street to the River Welland, marked on Plan "A. William's," frontage on Burgar of 89 links, price \$200, also if required, the land between above lot and lots 4 and 5 on Dorothy street, price \$50.

" 11. W. D. Jeffrey, 115x200 feet on North Main street, for \$1000.

" 12. H. H. Fell, 1 acre corner of Merritt and Fell sts. for \$600,
or lots 17 and 16 corner opposite 200,
or Plot 28x75 S. side Fitch street 350,

" 13. Alexander Asher, 51 feet front by 90 feet deep, adjoining the Gaol Yard for \$700.

Your Committee visited the most suitable of the foregoing lots and would submit the Thomas Griffith lot—the Stewart Lamont lot—the T. Teskey lot—and the Dr. Frazer lots for the consideration of the

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Council. Your Committee would recommend that the lot of Mr. Asher be accepted at price offered him by resolution while in Committee of whole viz: \$1500—providing always that the lot be accepted by the Government, as the most suitable and convenient, being corner lots and nearest the County Buildings, which advantages are particularly mentioned in the Government Specifications under "selection of site."

Your Committee caused to be inserted in County papers, also in the Daily Globe and Mail, notice of receiving tenders for the erection of a Registry Office, according to Plans and Specifications furnished by the Government, and the result of such notice was the following tenders:

No. 1, P. W. Corcoran, for the sum of.....	\$7300,
" 2, Henry Spence, " "	6200,
" 3, William Mansell, " "	6225,
" 4, John Damp, " "	6368,
" 5, Benj. Schooley, " "	6769,
" 6, Thos. L. Nichols, " "	4973,
" 7, Nelson Carter, " "	3924,
" 8, John Drew, " "	6923,
" 9, M. Vanderburgh, " "	4673,

Your Committee, after receiving the above tenders according to notice up to the 1st April, inst., did on the 19th inst., receive from Nelson Carter, the lowest tenderer above mentioned, a communication stating that in making out his tender, he had overlooked some part of the work, which would make a difference in his tender of \$450, which sum added to the amount of his tender of \$3924 would equal \$4374, which sum he proposes to take the contract for and complete the same according to plans and specifications.

Your Committee would say that considering the position of the tenders at present, with Mr. Carter's increase, they do not consider, in justice to the other tenderers, that the tender of Mr. Carter should be considered,

And your Committee would therefore recommend the tender of Mr. Vanderburgh being accepted, providing the contract is let.

The sureties for Mr. Vanderburgh your Committee consider good—the names being James H. Price and A. Williams, both of Welland.

Your Committee would suggest that Prison labour be used when possible.

Your Committee have since the January Session had an opportunity to get full information in reference to the erection of a Registry Office, and in the interests of the County, have recommended that this present special session be held for the purpose of coming to a final conclusion in reference to a new Registry, also thinking that if built the time intervening between the June Session and the Fall, would be quite insufficient in the interests of the County, to complete the building.

Your Committee considered also the fluctuation in price of material to be used in building, and a month or so hence might make a very great difference to a contractor and in the interest of the County.

Your Committee also consider to have the building erected during the summer months would be of the very greatest importance to avoid any dampness in walls when occupied, as for the Records to become damp and mouldy would be a very serious matter.

Your Committee would suggest that every attention be paid to drainage; as if a lot is purchased, money expended in drainage is well invested and absolutely necessary in erecting a building for the purpose anticipated.

Your committee would further recommend if the building is gone on with, that a first class practical man be employed to oversee the work, and also the drainage, that every part may be done in a way that will give entire satisfaction for the large expenditure, and will not require continued repairing in which the County have had a very large experience.

Your Committee incurred expense in advertising "Notices for Tenders" in the Globe and Mail, amounting to \$16.50, which sum

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your committee would recommend to be paid and that the Warden issue his cheque for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, GEO. J. DUNCAN,
A. FRAZER,
J. H. BURGAR.

Council Chamber, Welland, April 22nd, 1880.

REPORT OF GAOL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland in Council assembled :

Your Committee on Jail Supervision would recommend that the report of J. W. Langmuir, Esq., Prison Inspector, &c., herewith submitted in reference to rebuilding South Wing of Gaol be considered, and if thought advisable to adopt the same, to instruct your Committee by resolution in regard to compliance with the said report.

The interior walls of the Wing could all be removed and the material cleaned with Prison labour, providing the same be done under the supervision of a competent mechanic.

If your Council think advisable to rebuild, they would be pleased to receive instructions by resolution in accordance with your wish, and, if thought desirable, to advertise for tenders according to proposed

plans and specifications in order that the whole matter may be submitted at the June Session.

Your Committee also recommend that a small sum of money be granted by this Council for the purpose of shade and ornamental trees for the lawn in front of the Court House.

Signed, T. W. HOOKER,
W. B. PRINGLE,
JOHN COULSON,
EDWARD LEE,
EDWIN HERSHEY.

Council Chamber, Welland, April 23rd, 1880.

WELLAND GAOL *RE* PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH WING.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF PRISONS
AND PUBLIC CHARITIES OF ONTARIO,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
TORONTO, MARCH 20TH, 1880.

SIR—I beg to send you herewith an extract from my Minutes of the recent inspection of the Welland Gaol made by me. It is that portion which refers to the proposed reconstruction of the South Wing of the Gaol. Will you be good enough to bring to the notice of the Committee of the Council my recommendations and let me know what action is taken.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. LANGMUIR,

Inspector.

T. W. HOOKER, ESQ.,

Chairman of the Gaol Committee, Welland.

Extracts from minutes of Inspection of Welland Gaol, dated March 18th, 1880.

"Since the 1st October, the large number of 227 prisoners have been in custody in this Gaol, and on some occasions as many as 50 at one time."

"If this unusually large Gaol population is to continue, it is quite evident that more extended accommodation must be provided for the proper confinement and classification of the various kinds of prisoners."

"This increased accommodation apparently can only be obtained by the reconstruction of the South Wing of the Gaol, one of the corridors in this wing having been partially fitted up, is at present occupied by female prisoners, but an examination of the lower corridors and the foundation seems to prove that it is in a dangerously dilapidated condition, and that its continued occupation might result in a serious accident."

"Under these circumstances the wing will either have to be abandoned entirely, or reconstructed, as a proper place for the confinement of the female prisoners must be provided, and in view of the largely increased number of prisoners now committed to this Gaol, the undersigned thinks that beyond all doubt the wing must be reconstructed. He therefore makes the following recommendation for the consideration of the County Council, viz :

1st. That the female prisoners, now in the middle ward of the South Wing, be removed to the rooms in the Court House building, such rooms to be fitted up for their reception and bars placed upon the windows thereof "

2nd. "That a thorough examination be made by a competent architect of the external walls of the wing.

3rd. That if the architect reports favorably of the strength of the walls above referred to, that a gang of prisoners be placed at work to remove the interior cell structure and walls and to clean the old material ready for use in the work of reconstruction."

4th. That when the wing is thus prepared for reconstruction, ten-

ders be solicited for the work of rebuilding the interior in the same manner as the North Wing, with the following exceptions viz :

"The partition walls to be built of brick, but the jambs of the corridor and cell doors must be of cut stone, the windows looking into the gaol yard to be enlarged, the others to remain as they are. The cells need not be arched in brick but roofed with joists and oak plank covered with boiler plate."

"If these suggestions meet with the approval of the Council, sketch plans embodying them could be prepared and submitted to the Inspector for his further recommendations. The expense of carrying out proposed reconstruction, if the prison labour be properly utilised, would not be large, and it would be lessened to the County by the payment of the balance of the \$6000, for gaol repairs to which they would be entitled under the provision of the Inspection Act, when the work was completed.

J. W. LANGMUIR,
Inspector.

